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1. THE UNION OF INDUSTRIES OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY (UNICE) HAS ISSUED A PUBLIC NOTE GIVING ITS VIEWS ON THE OUTLOOK FOR WORLD TRADE AND EMPHASIZING SEVERAL AREAS OF THE MTN IN WHICH IT THINKS RAPID PROGRESS IS ESSENTIAL. THE TEXT OF THE NOTE FOLLOWS.
2. BEGIN TEXT - 3 OCTOBER 1977
OUTLOOK FOR INTERNATIONAL TRADE
1. UNICE HAS UNDERTAKEN A THOROUGH EXCHANGE OF VIEWS ON THE PROSPECTS OF INTERNATIONAL TRADE, WITH A VIEW TO WORKING OUT WHAT THE FUTURE TRADE POLICY OF THE COMMUNITY SHOULD BE.
IT HAS AGAIN CONSIDERED THE PRESENT STATE OF MULTI-LATERAL TRADE NEGOTIATIONS, TOGETHER WITH THE WAYS IN WHICH THE VARIOUS INSTRUMENTS OF TRADE POLICY ARE APPLIED

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- AT INTERNATIONAL AND COMMUNITY LEVEL. HERE IS IT, THEREFORE, A QUESTION OF ROUNDING OFF ITS PREVIOUS STATEMENTS OF POSITION AND ITS OBSERVATIONS.
2. UNICE WISHES TO STATE ITS CONVICTION THAT IF REALLY POSITIVE RESULTS ARE TO BE OBTAINED IN GENEVA, IT WILL BE NECESSARY TO MAKE RAPID PROGRESS IN RESPECT OF CERTAIN SPECIFIC MATTERS, ESPECIALLY AS REGARDS:

A) A HARMONIZATION OF CUSTOMS DUTIES SHOULD BE AIMED AT, EVEN IF THE GENERAL LEVEL OF TARIFF REDUCTION SHOULD BE MORE MODEST THAN WAS ORIGINALLY ENVISAGED;

B) THERE SHOULD BE A THOROUGH EXAMINATION OF ARTICLE XIX OF THE GATT, IN ORDER TO DECIDE, AT THE INTERNATIONAL LEVEL, IN WHICH CASES A SELECTIVE APPLICATION OF THE SAFEGUARD CLAUSE MIGHT BE ENVISAGED, UNDER INTERNATIONAL CONTROL, WITHOUT INVOLVING RETALIATORY MEASURES;

C) THE COMMUNITY SHOULD STEP UP ITS EFFORTS AT GENEVA TO ARRIVE AT A DEFINITION OF RULES CONCERNING SUBSIDIES AND COUNTERVAILING DUTIES, WHICH WOULD BE CLEAR, HARMONIZED, AND APPLIED BY EVERYBODY, INCLUDING THE UNITED STATES. THE COMMUNITY SHOULD, MOREOVER, PURSUE ITS ENDEAVOURS FOR THE HARMONIZATION OF RULES CONCERNING OTHER NON-TARIFF BARRIERS.

UNICE CONSIDERS THAT, IN THE COURSE OF THIS SECOND AND PERHAPS FINAL PHASE OF NEGOTIATIONS, IT WILL BE NECESSARY TO EXAMINE PROBLEMS FACING CERTAIN SECTORS BEFORE FINISHING OFF NEGOTIATIONS.

AS REGARDS THE RIGHTS AND DUTIES OF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, IT IS NOT ADVISABLE TO ALLOW A SYSTEMATIC WAIVING OF RULES IN THEIR FAVOR. ON THE CONTRARY, IT SHOULD BE ENVISAGED THAT IN PROPORTION AS THEY DEVELOP THEY SHOULD . ACCEPT A CERTAIN RECIPROCITY, WITH OBLIGATIONS CORRESPONDING TO THEIR STAGE OF DEVELOPMENT. DIFFERENTIAL TREATMENT SHOULD, THEREFORE, BE GIVEN, COMMENSURATE .

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WITH THIS STAGE OF DEVELOPMENT, AND MEASURES LEADING TO DISTORTION OF COMPETITION SHOULD BE REDUCED TO A MINIMUM.

3. THE ECONOMIC SITUATION OF THE COMMUNITY SHOWS THAT THE TRADE DEFENSE INSTRUMENTS ADOPTED AT INTERNATIONAL AND COMMUNITY LEVEL HAVE NOT BE USED TO MUCH PURPOSE BY THE COMMUNITY. UNICE RECOMMENDS THAT THE COMMUNITY SHOULD MAKE USE OF THE INSTRUMENTS AT ITS DISPOSAL AS EFFECTIVELY AS ITS MAIN TRADING PARTNERS. THIS SHOULD TAKE ACCOUNT OF THE IMPORTING SITUATION AS WELL AS OF EXPORT INTERESTS. DIFFICULTS WHICH HAVE BEEN MET IN APPLYING THESE INSTRUMENTS SHOULD BE DISCUSSED BY REPRESENTATIVES OF THE COMMISSION, MEMBER STATES, AND INDUSTRY, WITH A VIEW TO PREPARING PRACTICAL RECOMMENDATIONS.

IN THE SAME WAY, IT WOULD BE ADVISABLE TO TAKE A LOOK AT THE INSTRUMENTS WHICH THE COMMUNITY HAS AVAILABLE, OR WHICH IT COULD USE, IN ITS TRADE RELATIONS WITH THE STATE TRADING COUNTRIES: WHAT IS NECESSARY HERE IS A JOINT REGULATION AIMED AT CONTROLLING IMPORTS AND PROVIDING A DEFENSE AGAINST PRACTICES WHICH AMOUNT TO EXPORT SUBSIDIES BY THE STATE TRADING COUNTRIES.

4. UNICE RECOMMENDS THAT THE INSTRUMENTS OF TRADE POLICY SHOULD BE USED BY THE COMMISSION IN FULL AGREEMENT WITH THEW MEMBER STATES, AND ESPECIALLY IN MEETING CLAIMS PUT FORWARD BY THEM, IN ORDER TO REINFORCE THE WEIGHT OF THE COMMUNITY IN INTERNATIONAL TRADE BODIES.
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